



RESTARTING MAINE'S ECONOMY

COVID-19 Guided Hunting, Fishing, Boating and Outdoor Activities

The State of Maine has adopted a staged approach, supported by science, public health expertise and industry collaboration, to allow Maine businesses to safely open when the time is right. The plan is available at www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine.

This is one of many industry guidance documents that the State is providing for businesses so they can reopen safely. Please make sure you pair this document with the general guidance document that applies to all industries, which is available at [General Guidance](#). Everyone's goal is to allow guide businesses to operate while keeping guides and clients safe and healthy. Please use common sense and keep the goal in mind.

Phase 2: Applies from June 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 (All Counties)

Registered Maine Guide Activity Guidance

Pre-Trip Considerations

- Out-of-state clients who want to participate in Guided Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor Activities will need to quarantine in Maine for 14 days before participating.
- During Phase 2, all clients should be from the same household unless they can comply with current standards for number of people and physical distancing.
- Communicate with clients in advance regarding new operational procedures and post new procedures on your website if possible.
- Arrange for payment using online or phone payment processes if possible.
- Under no circumstances should a guide, client or employee participate in a guided trip if they show signs of illness.

Transporting Clients

- Guided activities will allow for transportation of a client in the guide's vehicle provided protective masks are worn. If multiple clients ride in the guide's vehicle they should be from the same household unless the vehicle is large enough to separate everyone 6 feet apart. Follow [Phase 2 Transportation Guidelines](#) (updated May 27, 2020) to the extent possible for your scenario.
- Sanitize vehicle with EPA registered products (see below) after each trip paying particular attention to "high-touch" surfaces.



Trip Safety/Cleaning Preparation

- For specific guidance on sanitizing a vehicle used to transport clients refer to: [Cleaning and Disinfection for Non-emergency Transport Vehicles](#). (updated April 14, 2020).
- Clients should provide their own face coverings, water bottles, sunscreen, and insect repellent while in the field.
- Guides and clients should wear face coverings when indoors or when unable to maintain physical distancing. Note that a “buff” or neck gaiter constitutes a face covering.
- Guides will have readily available: hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, cleaning products and spare face coverings on every trip.
- Extra care must be taken when close contact will occur, such as while in a small boat or canoe. Maintain physical distancing of 6 feet between individuals as much as possible. Face coverings must be worn if this is not possible.
- Sanitize equipment used by clients with EPA registered products (see below) after each trip paying particular attention to “high-touch” surfaces.
- Equipment provided for client use such as fishing rods, paddles, life jackets, etc., must be sanitized before and after use. (A sample of a sanitization solution can be found here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/covid-19-disinfecting-with-bleach>) (updated March 13, 2020)
- Use separate equipment for guide demonstrations.
- Should a client become ill on a guided trip, consult with EMS or a healthcare facility for immediate guidance.

Meal Preparation as Part of the Guided Trip

- Guides may provide food in accordance with [Phase 2 Restaurant Guidance](#) (updated May 27, 2020). Many of the provisions within the restaurant guidelines may not apply in a remote setting, please apply those that fit your specific operation. Many of the provisions in the guidelines will not apply in a remote setting, please apply those that fit your specific operation.

Overnight Trips

- Guides will be allowed to provide overnight trips in accordance with [Remote Camping Guidance](#) (updated May 7, 2020) from DACF and may provide meal preparation in accordance with [Phase 2 Restaurant Guidance](#) (updated May 27, 2020). Many of the provisions in the restaurant guidelines will not apply in a remote setting, please apply those that fit your specific operation. Otherwise overnight trips are not allowed.

Sporting Camps

- Sporting camps should follow the guidance for [restaurants](#) (updated May 27, 2020) and [lodging](#) (updated May 20, 2020).